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Ventilation for Ranges or Hot Plates  
in Dwelling Units

Interpretations of State and Local Building Codes  
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### I. Ventilation Not Required

The Mechanical Code does not require ventilation for gas and electric ranges or hot plates in dwelling units.

### II. Standards If Provided

Where such ventilation is provided, however, the following standards must be met.

A. Ducts used for domestic kitchen range ventilation

shall be of metal with smooth interior surfaces and they must comply with the Mechanical Code.

B. Exhaust ducts shall terminate outside the building and shall be equipped with back draft dampers.

C. Listed hoods must comply with manufacturer's recommendations.